

**Town of Woodstock
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2015
4:00 PM – Room A**

PRESENT: Chandler Paquette, Allan D. Walker, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Dawn Adiletta, Everett Cowley, Diane Miller, Judy Walberg, Kevin Withers, Joni Cullan

ABSENT WITH NOTIFICATION: D. Mitchell Eaffy

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Walker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Approve the Minutes of February 19, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting and February 26, 2015 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

Paquette moved to approve the minutes of February 19, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting and February 26, 2015 Special Board of Selectmen meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Consider and Act on a Resolution Recommending an Appropriation and Borrowing Authorization for Costs Related to the Replacement of All or Portions of the Roofs of the Woodstock Elementary School and Woodstock Middle School, and Related Improvements and Repairs, and for Costs Related to the Financing of the Projects; Submitting a Resolution with Respect to Such Recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting and Referendum Vote; and Making Various Determinations in Connection Therewith

Paquette moved to adopt the following resolution which **carried unanimously.**

**Woodstock Elementary and Middle Schools Roof Replacement Resolution
March 5, 2015**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen to the Town Meeting that the Town of Woodstock appropriate \$2,789,580 for costs related to the replacement of all or portions of the roofs of the Woodstock Elementary School and Woodstock Middle School, and related improvements and repairs which may include but are not limited to rooftop mechanical equipment, gutter and drainage systems, and positive air ventilation system improvements, and for costs related to the financing of the projects; and that the Town authorize the issuance of \$2,789,580 bonds, notes and temporary notes to finance the appropriation. The School Facilities Upgrade Committee shall be authorized to determine the scope and the particulars of the projects, and to reduce or modify the scope of the projects as necessary or desirable; and the entire appropriation may be expended on the projects as so reduced or modified. The Town anticipates receiving grants from the State of Connecticut Department of Education equal to approximately 47% of cost of the projects to defray in part the appropriation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a resolution with respect such recommendations be presented for consideration at the Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Woodstock Town Hall, 415 Route 169 in the Town of Woodstock on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.; and that the Board of Selectmen hereby designates said resolution for submission to the voters at referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 8:00 p.m., in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-7 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid resolution shall be submitted to the voters at referendum under the following heading:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK APPROPRIATE \$2,789,580 FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS ROOFS; AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE THE PORTION OF THE APPROPRIATION NOT DEFRAIDED FROM GRANTS?”

Voting will be at the Woodstock Town Hall. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s office.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk cause proper notice of such town meeting and referendum to the posted and published.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in their discretion, the Town Clerk is authorized to prepare a concise explanatory text regarding said resolution and the First Selectman is authorized to prepare additional explanatory materials regarding said resolution, such text and explanatory material to be subject to the approval of the Town Attorney and to be prepared and distributed in accordance with Section 9-369b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended.

/s/ Allan D. Walker, Jr.

/s/ Chandler Paquette

4. Update from Open Space Land Acquisition and Farmland Preservation Commission on the May Farm

Dawn Adiletta was at the meeting to provide an update regarding the May Farm. First Selectman Walker recused himself and left the room prior to the discussion beginning. Ms. Adiletta reported that the Board of Finance, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Conservation Commission approved of the purchase of the development rights of the May Farm in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Agriculture. As a courtesy, they met with the Woodstock Agriculture Commission to inform them about the actions being taken relating to the May Farm. The State has filed the Affidavit with the Town Clerk. With all of the requirements completed, she reported that she will be working on the language for the Town Meeting notice to forward to the Town Attorney. Paquette thanked her and the committee for their work and stated that he was once told the best form of economic development for towns is open space preservation/ acquisition. Walker returned to the meeting.

5. Warn Town Meeting

Walker reported that this action is not necessary at this time.

6. Tax Rebates

None.

7. Correspondence and Announcements

None.

8. Citizen’s Comments

Dawn Adiletta reported that she received information that the State Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee will be holding a public hearing on Monday, March 9th where elected officials may speak

about the Governor's proposal to take revenue from the Community Investment Act which is funded through revenue received from a surcharge in recording deeds. The Governor proposes to deposit 50% of the income received from land records beginning June 2015 and 100% from January 2016 – June 30, 2017 into the State's general fund. The Community Investment Act funds are used for historic preservation, farmland preservation/dairy support, open space and affordable housing. She stated that Woodstock has received CIA funds to protect a number of farms and multiple historic preservation projects. Walker reported that he will be attending a meeting with legislators later that evening and will talk with them about it. He also stated that he will submit written testimony on behalf of the Town of Woodstock for Monday's meeting.

9. Adjournment

Paquette moved to adjourn at 4:11 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Joni Cullan, Recording Clerk